

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON THE  
DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT  
ECF EAST 96TH STREET PROJECT**

<b>Project Identification</b>	<b>Lead/Sponsoring Agency</b>
CEQR/SEQR No. 16ECF001M ULURP No. C170226ZMM, C170228ZSM, C170229ZSM	New York City Educational Construction Fund (ECF)
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The New York City Educational Construction Fund (ECF), acting as lead agency, issued a Notice of Completion on January 17, 2017, for a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed ECF East 96th Street project in accordance with Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and City Environmental Quality Review. **A public hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, at 10:00 AM in Spector Hall, at the Department of City Planning located at 22 Reade Street, New York, New York 10007, in conjunction with the New York City Planning Commission’s public hearing pursuant to Sections 197-c and 200 of the New York City Charter.** Written comments are requested on the DEIS and will be received and considered by ECF, the lead agency, until Monday, May 22, 2017. Requests for translators at the public hearing should be submitted to ECF via email to the address provided above by Wednesday, May 3, 2017.

The application by ECF, together with AvalonBay Communities, is for approval of several discretionary actions including zoning map and text amendments and special permits to develop an Educational Construction Fund Project. These actions will facilitate the construction of three new High Schools, permanent affordable housing, local retail services and the reconstruction of a jointly-operated playground on a currently underutilized City-owned property comprising an entire city block (Block 1668, Lot 1), generally bounded by East 96<sup>th</sup> Street, Second Avenue, East 97<sup>th</sup> Street and First Avenue, in the East Harlem neighborhood of Manhattan, Community District 11.

The DEIS identified significant adverse impacts with respect to transportation (traffic, transit and pedestrians), as well as noise and open space during the construction period. The DEIS identified measures and/or potential measures that would fully or partially mitigate several of the significant adverse impacts; some impacts would remain unmitigated. Between DEIS and FEIS, potential mitigation measures will be studied further to determine whether they are feasible and whether any significant adverse impacts would remain unmitigated. The DEIS considered two alternatives to the Proposed Actions: a No Action Alternative, and a No Unmitigated Significant Adverse Impacts Alternative.

Review copies of the DEIS are available from the New York City Educational Construction Fund, 30-30 Thomson Avenue, 1st Floor, Long Island City, NY 11101 and online at <http://schools.nyc.gov/community/facilities/ecf.htm>.